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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND POLICY TOWARDS NORTH KOREA

1. MICHAEL POWLES, FIRST SECRETARY NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY, CAME IN NOVEMBER 20 TO OFFICIALLY INFORM DEPARTMENT OF RECENTLY FORMULATED NEW ZEALAND POSITION WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. POWLES STATED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD MADE A NUMBER OF APPROACHES IN LAST FEW MONTHS TO NEW ZEALAND, EXPRESSING THE DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS INCLUDING TRADE. AS RESULT THESE APPROACHES, NEW ZEALAND HAD FORMULATED GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES, EMPHASIZING THAT ANY CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREA WILL BE INFORMAL, AND THAT RECOGNITION IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF. IN THIS CONTEXT NEW ZEALAND HAS DEVELOPED A THREE POINT POLICY:

A. NEW ZEALAND WELCOMES THE NORTH-SOUTH TALKS AND HOPES THAT CONFRONTATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

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B. PENDING UNIFICATION, NEW ZEALAND HOPES THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN FOR BOTH KOREAS HAS NOT BEEN FORECLOSED.

C. NEW ZEALAND CONSIDERS THAT THE UN COMMAND AND US FORCES IN KOREA DO NOT POSE A THREAT TO NORTH KOREA, BUT SERVE TO MAINTAIN STABILITY IN THE PENINSULA.

2. NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF TRADE (WHO IS ALSO ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) RESPONDED ALONG THESE LINES TO NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE VISITING PEKING SOME TIME IN SEPTEMBER.

3. ROKG HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF NEW ZEALAND POLICY. KISSINGER

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